

MIGRANT LEPIDOPTERA IN LINCOLNSHIRE IN 1976. — At least 28 *Herse convolvuli* L. have been seen or captured this year. The first appeared in my m.v. trap on 28th August. I saw the last here on the 20th September at *Nicotiana* blooms. Four *Hyles gallii* Rott. were taken near Scunthorpe in July.

As elsewhere in the country, *Hemearis stellatarum* L. has been abundant, the first being seen in my garden on 25th June, the last on 23rd September.

On the night of 6th August, a perfect specimen of *Rhyacia simulans* Hufn. appeared in an m.v. trap four miles from my house. This is a new record for the county and well outside its recognised range. I mention it as a possible migrant, for on the following few nights seven *Eurois occulta* L. appeared in the same trap, which also produced on 29th August, and again on 7th September, a specimen of *Catocala fraxini* L. Meanwhile at Gibraltar Point on 30th August, a schoolboy, Martin Townsend, had taken another *C. fraxini*. The same boy took at the same site a specimen of *Ennomos autumnaria* Wernb. I took a second on the same night in Tothill Wood, three miles from here. — R. E. M. PILCHER, M.A., F.R.C.S., The Little Dower House, South Thoresby, Alford, Lincs.

THE CAMBERWELL BEAUTY AND CLIFDEN NONPAREIL IN SOUTH SCOTLAND. — On 18th September, 1976, while having tea with a friend he received a phone call from a lady who had a strange butterfly in her garden. The description given fitted a Camberwell Beauty (*Nymphalis antiopa* L.). The following day my friend and I visited this garden at Newmains, Dryburgh, Berwickshire, and were shown an ash that had had the bark eaten off by a goat, and was oozing sap making a great feast for about 15 or 20 Red Admirals (*Vanessa atalanta* L.). We visited this site off and on for about an hour and eventually the Camberwell Beauty appeared to join the feast. On being disturbed it flitted on to a grassless knoll where it settled long enough for a few film slides to be taken, when it finally moved off. I netted it and now have it in my collection.

I run a light-trap here in my garden, and one can imagine my surprise and delight when I opened the trap on 21st August, 1976 to find a male Clifden Nonpareil (*Catocala fraxini* L.). It had been a mild, damp night and the trap had been working well. — ANDREW BUCKHAM, Forester's Cottage, Wells, Denholm, Roxburghshire.

NYMPHALIS ANTIOPA L. IN NOVEMBER. — A Camberwell Beauty was observed by Mrs. M. Ferguson in her garden at Orpington, Kent, at noon on 10th November, 1976. The morning was dull with some drizzle and she had been cutting back ivy from the garden hedge, when some yards away a Camberwell Beauty was seen almost stationary fluttering near the ivy. She watched it for some five minutes and eventually it rested on some white painted wood until disturbed by a cat. It made off purposefully behind some trees and headed down the nearby railway line in a south-easterly direction. — DAVID C. G. BROWN, 25 Charecote, Nr. Warwick.